



Primary Healthcare Advisory Board

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Dear Commissioners:

The Board of County Commissioners appointed the Primary Healthcare Advisory Board to "review and analyze the effectiveness of Leon County's primary health care services and programs for indigent and uninsured residents of Leon County and report to the Board the findings and recommendations."

The Advisory Board feels that a comprehensive, coordinated, and concentrated effort best serves the development of a primary health care system for indigent and uninsured citizens of Leon County.

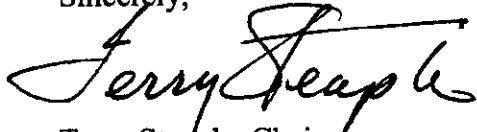
On February 10, 2005 the Advisory Board approved the recommendation that changes be made to enhance the Advisory Board's role in order to more effectively advance the current provision of service through the Leon County Primary Healthcare Program; to improve the collaboration within the community healthcare providers; and to access various funding opportunities which may become available. Specifically, the Advisory Board recommends the re-organization of the Primary Healthcare Advisory Implementation Board to the Healthcare Advisory Board for the following reasons:

- to provide more effective oversight of the development and operations of primary health care services, inclusive of women's health services and all health care services for indigent and uninsured citizens of Leon County.
- to enhance the collaborative efforts of the currently contracted healthcare service providers and to encourage the effective and efficient expansion of healthcare services with providers not currently contracted with the Primary Healthcare Program.
- to access and introduce a more competitive, effective, efficient, and comprehensive healthcare services delivery system;

- to review additional funding opportunities based upon the expansion of potential partnerships with the collaborative efforts of a comprehensive healthcare model.
- It is the recommendation of the Advisory Board that its re-organization will further the effectiveness of the work of the Board of County Commissioners in providing effective and efficient healthcare services to the indigent and uninsured residents of Leon County.

The Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board recommends that the name of the Advisory Board be changed to the Healthcare Advisory Board.

Sincerely,



Terry Steaple, Chairman
Primary Healthcare Implementation Advisory Board

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